

Community News

Technology In Motion comes to Coffee County

Alabama's one-of-a-kind teacher technology training program, Technology In Motion, arrived in Coffee County Wednesday, June 21, bringing state-of-the-art computers to local teachers.

The training sessions are being conducted from Wednesday, June 21, through Friday, June 23, at Elba Elementary School.

Technology In Motion has already met with more than 2,000 educators and trained more than 600 Alabama teachers. The demand for the program is so great, Technology In Motion training sessions are booked through September.

There is a desperate need for teacher technology training in Alabama. It is estimated that more than 18,000 Alabama teachers cannot turn a computer on, and another one-third cannot use a computer for their classrooms.

"We have been thrilled and overwhelmed by the response," said Chiquita Marbury, manager of the program. "Alabama teachers have been asking for this kind of training for years, and now we can deliver it right to their schools. That is what makes this program so special."

Alabama teachers don't have to come to us, we come right to the school.

Not only is the program in great demand, but 95 percent of the participants say the program met or exceeded their expectations and that they would recommend the program to other teachers.

There are several things that make Technology In Motion such a unique program.

1. The program was created by Alabama teachers for Alabama teachers, and Alabama teachers run the program.

2. The program is mobile, delivers the training on-site to local schools and is available all year. Most professional development programs are delivered off-site, meaning teachers have to travel to a specific location to receive training.

3. Alabama teachers created an efficient program. Because Technology In Motion is housed in existing In-Service Centers, almost all need for infrastructure costs has been eliminated.

4. Each part of the state shares equally in the program. Eleven trainers are housed in the 11 In-Service Centers located strategically in every part of the state.

5. Training is continuously reinforced long after the trainers leave the school.

6. All trainers are Alabama teachers.

7. The program is free to all teachers and schools.

"The unique features of our program - its mobility, year-round availability and hands-on experience - are driving forces for our success," Marbury said. "And because we have trainers all over the state, training can be continuous, whether it is via e-mail or in-person. But most importantly, we offer training that teachers can use in their classrooms tomorrow."

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FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED...Recently, Kaye Whitworth and Jimmy Harrison were sponsoring signs in the flower bed plots around the square in downtown Elba. Over 20 plots already have sponsors, and the chamber is still seeking sponsors for the remaining plots. New flowers have been planted in all the plots around the square in a continuous effort to beautify the downtown area. Anyone interested in sponsoring a flower bed plot should contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

DAV donates van to assist vets needing transportation help

Area veterans need not worry about transportation to and from the Montgomery Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center for treatment.

That VA medical facility recently received one van from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), a million-member-plus nonprofit organization.

The van will be driven by a corps of local volunteers organized by the DAV and its Auxiliary. Heading up the effort is Bessie C. Gillespie, hospital service coordinator at the Montgomery VA Medical Center.

The donation was made possible through a cooperative effort of the DAV's national organization, the DAV Department of Alabama and DAV Chapter No. 87. The van

donation is part of the nationwide DAV Transportation Network.

In making the announcement, DAV officials noted the free transportation services will initially be provided to veterans in Dothan. They said plans were to expand that service as additional volunteer drivers signed up.

"This program was established in 1987, when budget constraints forced the VA to terminate beneficiary travel benefits for nearly all veterans using VA medical facilities for treatment," said DAV National Director of Voluntary Services, Jerry P. Steelman. These benefits were paid to veterans to help cover the costs of getting to and from the VA hospital or clinic for treatment.

"Among those affected by the

benefit cut were most veterans seeking treatment for service-connected disabilities, as well as indigent veterans who have virtually no other source of health care," Steelman said. "The DAV simply could not stand aside and watch hundreds of thousands of veterans being left without health care simply because they live some distance from a VA hospital and have no means of transportation. Thanks to contributions from grateful Americans, the DAV was able to respond to this need."

Area veterans needing transportation assistance — and who live within the Dothan area — should contact Bessie C. Gillespie at (334) 272-4670, ext. 4037.

Notice

Any farmer in need of hay should call the Coffee County Extension Office at 894-5599. A certified form must be filled out to get on a list to receive hay. Hay will be coming and will be available to cattle producers. The extension office also needs to know of anyone who might have hay for sale.

TSUD announces local graduates

The following local students completed requirements for the Bachelor's degree during the 2000 Commencement at Troy State University Dothan: Jessica York of Elba and Debbie McCollough of Jack.

TSUD announces Spring Semester honor students

Troy State University Dothan recently announced the names of students being honored on the Dean's List and President's List for the 2000 Spring Semester. Local students being named to the Dean's List were John Herring Lindsey of Elba and Sherri Ruth Nobles of Kinross. Local students named to the President's List were Connie Marie Macon and Kenya Tanyetta Martin, both of Elba.

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by Marvin McLwain, Editor

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TRAGEDY STRIKES...Last Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Birdie Rushing was on her way home from work after stopping at the grocery store when the unimaginable happened. A large pine tree fell across the top of her car, crushing it, and causing her death. The accident occurred shortly before 3:00 p.m. on Co. Rd. 349 during a severe thunderstorm. Emergency medical personnel from Coffee County EMS were on the scene shortly after the accident but were unable to reach Mrs. Rushing due to power lines lying across the fallen tree. It was later determined that Mrs. Rushing died instantly. Assisting medical personnel at the scene were fire units from Zion Chapel and Elba, electrical crews from Covington Electric, Coffee County Highway Department crews, and a tree trimming contractor working in the area. Mrs. Rushing was pronounced dead at the scene by Coffee County Coroner Marvin McLwain. An autopsy performed by the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences determined the cause of death to be blunt force trauma to the head and chest. Investigating the accident was Alabama State Trooper J. R. Ward. He was assisted by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office.

Counts wins run-off for Circuit Clerk's position

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

In Coffee County, Tuesday's run-off election for both the Democratic and Republican parties saw four races settled - at least locally. Only 11 percent (2,879) of the registered voters - 29,020 - in the county returned to the polls to decide the outcome of the election.

On the Democratic ticket, the Party's nomination for the office for Circuit Clerk and member of the Coffee County Board of Education - District 2 were decided. Voting for the nomination for Circuit Clerk were Mickey Counts and Stanley

Walker. The winner was Counts who received 64 percent of the votes cast - Counts 1,593 & Walker 892. He will face the Republican nominee, Anita Metcalf, in the November General Election.

The Democratic nomination for member of the Coffee County BOE District 2 Seat went to Rodger Harrison. He received 244 votes while his opponent, Ben Amoug, received 142 votes.

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Pittman over Ralph Long for the Party's nomination for Court of Civil Appeals Judge, Place One. The vote was 331 to 61.

For Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place One, the Republican nomination went to Greg Shaw. He defeated Tony Riley by a vote of 210 to 95.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

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Folks, as fellow citizens and friends, we owe these candidates more respect than to ignore election days. Our country is founded on the fact citizens will offer themselves as potential public officials, and the least the rest of us can do is insure that, to the best of our knowledge, the most qualified candidate gets the job. Not only is that good for honest, qualified candidates, it is good for us also, as these folks who are elected are there to serve us to the best of their ability. If they have no ability... we have no service. It has happened before and will happen again if citizens keep ignoring their right to vote.

The proposed new Elba post office is still on the drawing boards. A couple of weeks ago there were two young ladies here doing some of the federally required studies and paperwork to build the new building. Right now they are still planning to build next to the Peoples Bank, as far as anyone with authority has said this far.

The levee rebuild project is also moving forward, even though the big money from the U. S. Congress is still promised. Mr. Charles Owens, with the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers spoke to the Elba Rotary Club Tuesday and said the plans are on ready. However, the 35% non-federal matching funds are still only a dream - but then Elba folks are dreamers and the money will come... we hope. Owens said it will take up to two years to build, once all the \$12 million construction money has been put in one pot.

Saturday morning we were talking with U. S. Senator Jeff Sessions as he and Representative Terry Everett toured Coffee County and saw first hand the results of the drought which has hit a large part of Alabama, and especially the Wiregrass area. During the conversation, we realized that the last time the two of us talked, it was two years ago in Washington and the subject was help for Elba as it recovered from too much water... the 1998 flood! Oh, how fast things can turn around in this 'ol world of ours. Now Senator, we hope our farmer friends don't have to wait for relief as long as Elba and Geneva have waited (and continue to wait) for levee help.

There has been a lot of rah-rah in the news this week about the "mapping" of the human DNA. We have followed the progress of the companies doing this mapping for some time now and consider it positive work. The concerns over ethical decisions will hopefully be ironed out before people can actually make them. While folks our age will probably not get the benefits from the new drugs and medical techniques this will bring about, it will help our children and grandchildren, so they should have the support of everyone.

Those ethical decisions will undoubtedly be tough... tougher in some areas than in others. Right now in India, many, many abortions are being performed simply because the prospective parents find out the sex of their unborn baby is not what they want. That probably goes on all around the world, but India is in the spotlight on this matter, along with a couple of other traditions which are unique to their culture.

ATTEND A CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY

Thank You

The family of **BIRDIE M. RUSHING** would like to thank everyone for the support and prayers during our time of loss. It feels great to know that our Mother, wife, and friend touched so many lives and was loved so greatly. She will be deeply missed by everyone.

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EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 19, 2000, investigated the following incidents: one unauthorized use of a vehicle, one failure to appear, two thefts of property, five burglaries, one hit and run, one pedestrian under the influence, two harassments, four criminal misdeeds, two disorderly conducts, one menacing, one shop lifting, one DUI, one family dispute, and one rape.

The following arrests were made: one for harassment, four for failure to appear, one for robbery, two for disorderly conduct, and one for shop lifting.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: twenty-three for violation of seat belt law, four for speeding, one for an expired tag, three for driver's license not in possession, three for driving while driver's license is suspended, one for an expired driver's license, four for violation of the child restraint law, one for DUI, one for improper lane usage, and one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, JUNE 12 - River stage - 2.48 (6:48 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13 - River stage - 2.48 (6:20 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 377 (7:08 a.m.); Disturbance reported on AL Hwy. 875 (8:19 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 - River stage - 2.41 (6:00 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire on AL Hwy. 87N (3:10 p.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22 - River stage - 2.40 (6:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck (tree fell on car) on Co. Rd. 349.

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- ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays - 6 p.m. City Hall
- WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday @ p.m. City Hall
- GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - Every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church-center on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Gartin Classroom
- COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Mondays - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
- LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
- ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 8:00 p.m. - Supr. Office
- AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- MASONIC LODGE 179 - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month 7 p.m.
- BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
- VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
- COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House
- COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon. Colony Inn, Enterprise
- AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tues. day at noon. City Hall Conference Room
- AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night at the Elba Elba Elba
- CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar
- ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria
- ZION CHAPEL CRIME WATCH is First Tuesday night @ 7:00 of each month at the ZC Fire Department
- WOODMAN OF THE WORLD LODGE 1932 - 4th Thursday night of the month @ 7:00 p.m. at the Woodman Lodge located at 510 W. Simmons Street, Elba.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of June 19, 2000 through June 25, 2000. They were: Shirley Hudson, Lela Tyson, Rosa Tyson, Melissa Flowers, Danny Johnson, Ida Mae Hooks, Ella Mae Bennett, Shannon Carrett, Marjorie Harrison, Mike New, Ella Robinson, Myrtle Hickman, Pat Brumley, Elsie McGaha, Fannie Mitchell, Louise Jernigan, Mary Harris, Louise Mitchell, Joyce Folmer, Karin Snellgrove, Nomic Marx, Victor Legg, Evelyn Brown, and Henry Veit.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Lennie Johnson, Jessie Davis, Emma Haskins, Amanda Carley, Ella Mae Bennett, Melissa Flowers, Danny Johnson, Mike New, Ella Robinson, Rosa Tyson, Lela Tyson, Shirley Hudson, Cynthia Hudson, Ida Hooks, Dexter Goodwin, William Powell, Marjorie Harrison, Elsie McGaha, Shueanna Hammonds, Louise Jernigan, Mahala Davis, U. V. McDaniel, Shannon Carrett, Myrtle Hickman, Megan Jones, Early Caldwell, Fannie Mitchell, Clifford Blue, Wayne Parrish, Ollie Hussey, Donald McBride, Joyce Folmer, Karin Snellgrove, Nomic Marx, Victor Legg, Evelyn Brown, and Henry Veit.

NOTICE • NOTICE • NOTICE
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The U.S. Senate just approved two amendments to the Defense Reauthorization Act that could have serious consequences on society. One of the amendments, sponsored by Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT), would provide grants to states for the study and prosecution of "hate crimes." The other amendment, sponsored by Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA), is known as the Local

English named Ad manager

Brad English is the new advertising manager of the Alabama Newspaper Advertising Service, the business affiliate of the Alabama Press Association.

English, a native of Elba, began his career with ANAS in 1991 as an advertising sales representative. He was promoted to associate advertising manager in 1998. Before joining ANAS, he was retail sales manager of the Crimson White student newspaper at the University of Alabama.

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Law Enforcement Act of 2000. It would expand "hate crimes" to include "actual or perceived" sexual orientation and disability. It would also permit federal officials to intervene in local affairs when "hate crimes" occur, whether or not local officials want or need their help. In that sense, there is absolutely nothing "local" about this legislation. Fortunately, Alabama's two Senators voted against

these amendments and should be commended for their courage in standing up for their convictions. The "hate crimes" approach is not a good one to take because it promotes unequal justice by punishing similar crimes differently. It also sends the message that some victims are more valuable than others. Our freedom depends on the principle of equal justice under the law, and the "hate crimes" mentality is not conducive to this idea. Crime that happens to anyone is wrong, regardless of individual preferences or traits.

The course of action taken by these Senators should be seen for what it really is - an attempt to legislate thoughts and attitudes of people, rather than actions. This type of legislation could potentially do away with the basic rights held by people of faith and give "big brother" the power to decide which attitudes and expressions are "appropriate" and which are not.

House and Senate negotiators will meet soon to iron out differences in the two versions of the Defense Authorization Bill. It is not too late to contact your Congressman and Senators Shelby and Sessions to urge them to remove these two amendments from the bill. The Capitol Switchboard phone number is (202) 224-3121. Respectfully submitted,

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We would like to thank you for being such wonderful friends and neighbors during the sickness and death of our beloved June Brown.

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AREA DEATHS

BIRDIE MARIE RUSHING

Mrs. Birdie Marie Rushing, age 60, of 3875 County Road 306, Elba, Ala., died June 22, 2000.

Funeral services were held June 26, 2000 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Ray Layton officiating. Burial followed in the Zoar Church Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Rushing was preceded in death by a son, Chris Hodges.

Survivors include her husband, James Daniel Rushing, Elba; five daughters and three sons-in-law: Patricia Hodges, Tuscon, Ariz.; Cindy and Dennis Phillips, Kentwood, La.; Lisa Hodges, Dothan, Donna and Reggie Boothe, Tuscaloosa; Christy and Marty Overton, Tuscaloosa; five sons and three daughters-in-law: Tony and Beverly Hodges, Zachary, La.; Greg Hodges, Tuscon, Ariz.; Tim Hodges, Elba; Mark and Nicole Hodges, Elba; Wesley and Jennifer Rushing, Elba; her mother-in-law, Lena Rushing, Elba; six sisters: Rose Coats, Lafayette, La.; Mary Allen, Baker, La.; Ann Spears, Kentwood, La.; Betty Benzer, Slaughter, La.; Lynn Fahre, New Roads, La.; Dolores Mayers, Baton Rouge, La.; and eight grandchildren.

MERT TURNER MINCEY

Mrs. Mert Turner Mincey, born Aug. 30, 1914, of Elba, Ala., died recently.

Funeral services were held June 25, 2000 at Shady Grove

CHURCH

Gospel Concert scheduled at Love's Way Church Sunday, July 2

Love's Way Church has scheduled a Gospel Concert for Sunday afternoon, July 2, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The featured group will be "Kevin Spencer & Friends" from Shelby, Ohio. Love's Way Church is located three miles West of Enterprise on Damascus Road (Hwy. 134) next to Covington Electric Cooperative.

Big 4th Of July Concert to be held at Country Cathedral

The Country Cathedral will be hosting a gospel concert featuring The Rhythm Masters from Andalusia, AL, The Williamson Family from Crestview, FL, Mary Scott & The Goodnews Singers, from Opp, AL, The Hartsell Family from Red Oak Community near Andalusia, AL, and Derek Snellgrove, from Elba, AL.

The concert will start at 7:30 p.m. with no admission charge. Everyone is welcome to attend.

EUMC plans Vacation Bible School for July 10-14

Vacation Bible School will be held at Elba United Methodist Church, July 10-14. There will be great stories, games, and crafts. The theme will be CLUB CAN DO. All children are invited to attend.

The Steady Standards to be singing at Gospel Barn July 1

The Steady Standards from Enterprise will be in concert Saturday night, July 1, 7:00 p.m. at the Gospel Barn, located on Hwy. 167 between Troy and Enterprise, next to Pea River bridge. No cover charge.

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***The Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church Choir Department will host a Pool Party at Hawkins-Williams Park in Elba on July 7 from 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Entry fee is \$1.00 per person. Note: 1. Life guards will be provided, however, we will not be responsible for any accidents. 2. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. 3. Concessions stand will be provided (hamburgers, hotdogs, etc.).

***Annual Session of the Mulberry Missionary Baptist District Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress to be held at the Mulberry Baptist Educational Building, Highway 84, Elba, on July 14-15, Friday, July 14, Morning Session at 9:30 a.m.; Afternoon Session at 1:45 p.m.; Evening Session at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 15, Morning Session at 9:30 a.m.; Afternoon Session at 1:30 p.m. Bible Class Instructors: Class #1&2 - Rev. J.G. Chatham; Class #3 - Sis. Mary A. Hooks; Class #4 - Sis. Lorraine Henry; Class #5 - Sis. R. Bess Food Committee: Sis. Ernestine Kelley, Josie Caldwell, Jeannette Brooks and Annie Pearl Carpenter.

Happy Birthday!!! Ty Tiana Zannetta Carpenter celebrated her fourth birthday on Friday, June 16, with a party on Sunday, June 18, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Carpenter, Elba. She is the daughter of Catherine Carpenter. Her grandparents are R.C. and Annie Pearl Carpenter of Elba. She is also the great-granddaughter of the late Rayfield Carpenter and the late Hattie Bell Carpenter of Elba. God Bless you Ty Ti!

***Ordination and Installation for Rev. Rahon McKinnon at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Elba will be July 2 at 3 p.m. Sermon will be given by Rev. J.G. Chatham of Troy and moderator of The Mulberry Missionary Baptist District Association. Everyone has a special invitation to attend.

***Youth Fellowship Service at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church of Elba will be July 2 at 5:30 p.m.

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The "Dynamic Dixie Travelers" will be in concert at St. Johns A.M.E. Church, Enterprise, on Sunday, July 2, at 5:30 p.m. The singing will also feature local groups. Everyone is invited.

Chestnut Grove Methodist to celebrate Homecoming & plan revival services

Homecoming at Chestnut Grove Methodist Church will be celebrated Sunday, July 9, with Pastor Larry Gill speaking. Services will begin at 11 a.m., and a covered dish lunch will follow in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Revival services will be held at Chestnut Grove Methodist Church on July 10, 11 and 12. Services will begin each night at 7 p.m., and former pastor Rev. Bobby Skipper of Dathan will bring the message. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mann Kirkland Singers to be in revival at Elba Church of God

The Mann Kirkland Singers from Douglasville Georgia, will be holding a revival at The Elba Church of God Friday, June 30, thru Sunday, July 2nd. Services Friday & Saturday will be at 7:00 p.m., Sunday will be 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Stallard and the congregation at Elba Church of God would like to invite everyone to attend these revival services.

Donations being sought for Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Cemetery Fund

If anyone has friends or loved ones buried in the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Cemetery, the church needs donations to help with the up-keep of the cemetery.

There is a trust fund for the cemetery set up at SouthTrust Bank in Elba. Please make donations at the bank or send them to: Lena L. Farris, 614 Kendrick St., Apt. 4, Elba, AL 36323.

LIFESTYLES

Jerkins Family Reunion planned for July 9th

All Jerkins Family Members are invited to the Jerkins Family Reunion at the East Brewton Community/Civic Center in Brewton, Ala. on July 9. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish or dessert and come meet lots of relatives. Bring family pictures to share, socialize and learn a lot of Jerkins Family history. For more information, contact Doris Hastings at (334) 947-5499, Vonelle Harris at (334) 964-5999, Jim Jerkins at (334) 456-1405 or Jack Butler at (850) 421-7756.



Miss Odom & Mr. Money

Odom - Money wedding to be held July 7th

Joy Elaine Odom and Ronnie Ray Money invite you to share in their joy when they exchange marriage vows on Friday, July 7, 2000, at seven o'clock in the evening at Shiloh Baptist Church (Kinston Highway), Elba. No invitations will be sent. All family and friends are invited.

NEW ARRIVAL

Alaina Nicole Collamati
Sherri and Roger Collamati of Hahira, Ga. announce the birth of their daughter, Alaina Nicole. She was born May 19, 2000 at 2:45 a.m. at South Georgia Medical Center in Valdosta, Ga. Alaina weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz. and was 21 inches long with brown hair and blue eyes. Alaina's big brother, Regan, age 7, is especially proud, along with grandparents Jo Watkins of Enterprise and Sandi and Dick Collamati of Lake City, Fla.

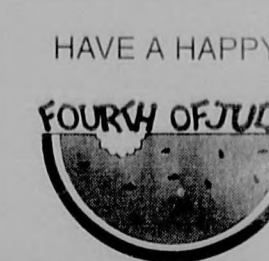


Alaina Nicole Collamati

Annual Crocker Family Reunion planned for July 2nd

The Annual Crocker Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, July 2, at the Masonic Lodge Building on Airport Road, Elba, at 12 Noon. All relatives are invited and encouraged to attend the reunion. For more information, please call Ralph Crocker at 897-6871.

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Miss DuBose & Mr. Smith announce wedding plans for August 5th

Jim DuBose and Beth DuBose of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Heather Beth DuBose, to Dusty Dean Smith, son of Dean and Pam Smith of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ollie Farris and the late Eugene Farris of Elba, Ray and Emma DuBose of Opp and Bill and Rita Barefoot of Freeport, FL. She is a 1998 graduate of Elba High School and is currently pursuing a nursing degree at Troy State University.

The future groom is the grandson of Arthur D. and Audrey Smith, of

NEW ARRIVAL
RYAN ELISABETH FLOYD



Drew and Sam Floyd of Montgomery announce the birth of their sister, Ryan Elisabeth Floyd. Ryan was born on May 18, 2000, weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long. She has light brown hair and blue eyes.

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DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. William Frank, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:30 p.m.	FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:30 p.m.
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Jack Water System Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Jack Water System is very pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Quality Water Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to maintain and continually improve the water you receive and to protect our water supply.

Jack's water is groundwater drawn from one (1) well. This well draws from the Clayton aquifer. We have received a grant that will co-fund the cost of our source water assessment plan. This plan will provide specific geological information on our well including depths, screening and identify potential sources of contamination.

We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please Manager Jerry Pope at 897-5133. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Zion Chapel High School's Library.

Jack Water System routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 1999. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

This table has many abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these abbreviations we've provided the following definitions:

- Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

- Parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years, or a single penny in \$100,000.

- Parts per billion (ppb) or ug/l - micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

- Parts per trillion (ppt) or nanograms per liter (ng/l) - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years, or one penny in \$10,000,000,000.

- Picograms per liter (pg/L) - picograms per liter is a measure of radioactivity in water.

- MCLG - Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - "The Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known risk to health.

- MCL - Maximum Contaminant Level - MCL allows for a margin of safety.

- Million Fibers per Liter (MFL) - million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fiber that are longer than 10 micrometers.

- Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU) - a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

- Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water.

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- AL - Action Level - the concentrations of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

- TT - Treatment Technique - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations from contaminants that exceeded MCLGs. We did publish a public notice of violation due to our failure to collect nitrate samples. The nitrate samples were taken, tested and approved by ADEM. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected.

Trace amounts of constituents do not pose a health risk and the EPA has determined that your water is safe at these levels.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material, and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. This monitoring for these contaminants was not required.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

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Area News

Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program of Alabama

This program provides breast and cervical screenings for women who meet the following eligibility guidelines:

- Primarily women age 40 and older
- Women without insurance or who are underinsured
- Women who meet the income guidelines below

A woman who meets the eligibility requirements receives:

- A FREE Pelvic Exam and Pap Smear
- A FREE Clinical Breast Exam
- A FREE Mammogram (Age 50 and older)

Income Eligibility Guidelines

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$16,480	\$1,373	\$ 317
2	\$22,120	\$1,843	\$ 425
3	\$27,760	\$2,313	\$ 534
4	\$33,400	\$2,783	\$ 642
5	\$39,040	\$3,253	\$ 751
6	\$44,680	\$3,723	\$ 859

Call Lucille Latham, Educator, Coffee County Family Services Center (334) 393-8538 or (334) 347-9574.

Local National Guard battalions attend training period

Two Alabama Army National Guard field artillery battalions attended their 15-day annual training period in late May at Camp Shelby, Miss. While at Camp Shelby, both the 2nd and 3rd Battalions, 117th Field Artillery did extensive live firing with their 155mm self-propelled howitzers.

The 2nd Battalion, 117th Field Artillery has its headquarters in Andalusia with batteries or detachments in Citronelle, Luvette, Greenville, Geneva, Opp and Evergreen. Lt. Col. Curtis W. Andrews of Mobile is commander of the battalion.

The 3rd Battalion, 117th Field Artillery is headquartered in Troy with batteries or detachments in Troy, Montgomery, Elba, Daleville, Phenix City, Auburn and Union Springs. Lt. Col. Blake Harmon of Lineville is commander of the battalion. Maj. Robert G. Beard of Geneva will take command of the 3/117 FA in July 2nd Lt. Timothy A. Godwin of Hanks is commander of Battery (C).

Commander's Call gives staff members and commanders from the 3rd Battalion 117th Field Artillery the opportunity to exchange information on operations in their areas of responsibility.

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In addition to the live firing exercises, several other special tactical skills were emphasized during the training period. Communications, survivability skills, intelligence activities, maintenance and resupply were among the other focal points for the training period.

Area News



NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL CONTESTANTS met recently at Wallace College for orientation for this year's Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant. Pictured from left to right are: Miss New Brockton Christa McGlothlen; Miss Coffee County Callie Bryan; Miss Enterprise Megan Gordon; Miss Zion Chapel Kayla Eddins; and Miss Elba Valerie Moore. Preliminaries for this year's pageant will be held at the Dothan Civic Center, Friday, Oct. 20; Verbal Communications Preliminary will be at 2 p.m. and Evening Gown Preliminary will be at 7 p.m. Pageant Finals will be held at the Dothan Civic Center, Saturday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m.

Annual World Domino Tournament to be held July 7 & 8

The 25th Annual World Championship Domino Tournament is set for Andalusia July 7-8 with hundreds of players expected to compete for the title of world champion. Hosted by the Andalusia Rotary Club, the two-day tournament will draw players from Alabama and across the South and Midwest. Players will compete for trophies and cash totaling over \$20,000.

"This year's tournament should be one of the best we've ever had," said Toby Atkinson, Andalusia Rotary Club President and Tournament Co-Chairman.

There will be an arts and crafts fair sponsored by the Andalusia Pilot Club, and World Championship Domino Tournament Queen and Covington County Junior Miss, Melissa McDermott, will preside over opening ceremonies.

G.E.D. Tests are changing

The General Educational Development (GED) Tests which replace a high school diploma, will be changing with the 2002-series. Traditional high schools now require new skills of graduates, and the GED Tests are being updated to reflect acquisition of these new skills. Twelfth grade skills in Language Arts (Reading and Writing), Social Studies, Science, and Math will continue to be certified by the GED.

The most significant difference the tests can make concerns those people who have already taken and passed a few of the test areas. These people must complete the rest of the GED test prior to December 2001, or they will have to start completely over and take the entire test series. More than 800,000 adults nationally take the GED Tests annually. Those people earning GED diplomas outperform at least one-third of today's high school seniors. One out of every seven high school graduates annually earns higher diploma by passing the GED Tests, and 68% of these test-takers plan to enter a college, university, or trade, technical or business school within the next year. More than 95% of employers nationally consider GED graduates in hiring, salary, and opportunity for advancement the same as they do their traditional high school graduates peers. And the GED graduate national rosters include such well-known people as Bill Cosby, Wendy's founder Dave Thomas, Delaware's Lieutenant Governor Ruth Ann Minner, and U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell.

Enterprise State Junior College offers free on-going classes to help people prepare for the GED tests. These classes are offered at various sites around the Wiregrass Area and at varying days of the week and times. Individualized instruction is available. Some of these locations also offer computerized instruction. To find out more about these classes, call 334-393-1531, ext. 218. For more information about the GED Testing Service, go to the website, www.gedtest.org. The GED Test is administered every Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information about taking the test, call extension 235.

Alan Head attends Boys State recently

Alan Head, a senior at Elba High School, was elected to the House of Representatives from the city of Hayes during the sixty-third annual American Legion Alabama Boys State, which was held June 11-17 at the University of Montevallo. Alan is the son of Tom and Chris Head of Elba.

Alabama Boys State is a leadership program for young men who have completed their junior year of high school and are expected to be a campus leader during their senior year. It provides delegates with a working knowledge of how our government functions on the city, county, and state levels. Acceptance into Alabama Boys State is a privilege and granted by invitation only. Delegates are selected by their school faculty and community leaders.

American Red Cross to hold Community CPR Course July 8th

The American Red Cross on Ft. Rucker will be holding a Community CPR Course on Saturday, July 8, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The course covers both adult and child and infant CPR. The cost of the course is \$30 (\$15 for the course and \$5 for the book). To register, call the ARC office at 255-1055.

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SPORTS

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie's daily visit to the pool had to take a back seat to the ball field last weekend as she either played ball or watched ball throughout Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The weekend of ball began on Friday night when she played in the "10 and Under" All-Star softball tournament in Geneva, continued in Geneva on Saturday afternoon with three more games, moved back to Elba on Saturday night to watch her big sister play with the "16 and Under" All-Stars, and then moved over to the baseball field on Sunday afternoon to watch the Dixie Boys tournament. She survived the weekend with a sprained ankle, a bruise on the shin from a bad hop, and a sun burn, but seemed ready to do it again late Sunday night. It is amazing how fast children can recuperate when they are having fun!

SHUFFLING THROUGH THE SPORTS NOTES....

*** The Elba Girls Softball League sent four All-Star teams to the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association District Tournaments last weekend, and history was made as the "16 and Under" All-Stars claimed the first-ever district championship for a league team, and the other three teams all claimed wins. The "16 and Under" All-Stars hosted Greenville and Andalusia in a round-robin tournament and proved to be anything but gracious hosts as they posted two big wins to win Elba's first A.R.P.A. district championship. The team had only 10 players for the two games, but that was all it needed as the girls came through and took home the title. The "14 and Under" All-Stars competed in Andalusia and claimed a win over Greenville, while the "12 and Under" All-Stars hosted their journey and defeated New Brockton. The other big news from the weekend came from Geneva, where the "10 and Under" All-Stars claimed two wins and qualified for the state tournament with a fourth place finish in the eight-team tournament. The youngest All-Star from Elba team posted two big wins over teams from Dothan to place fourth, and really had a reason to be happy about their play. The Elba league has had years when it failed to win more than a game or two, but this year the Elba girls showed that they could indeed compete with teams from all around the area. Good job, girls, you made us all proud!

*** The Dixie Boys Baseball Tournament got underway Saturday with four games at Legion Field, in Elba, and continued on Sunday with two more games. Six baseball games on one field, in two days, is a lot of ball, and that was certainly the case over the weekend. The "14-Year-Old" Elba All-Stars dropped two straight games to be ousted from money play, but really threw a scare into pre-tourney favorite Troy as they battled the visitors to a 2-2 tie through six innings, only to lose 8-6. Elba was eliminated by Luverne on Sunday afternoon, but once again the All-Stars played hard for all seven innings, and showed everyone at the park that they were a very good baseball team. The "13-Year-Old" All-Stars opened the tourney on Saturday night with a big win over Luverne, and really knocked the ball all around the park. Elba got Sunday off after the win, and while they are not the favorite to win it all, the All-Stars showed they too could play the game. Good job, guys, you more than proved your point, no matter what the scoreboard read.

*** What is going on at Elba High? You tell me! I have heard a lot of rumors from a lot of folks that insist an area coach is headed to Elba to take over the Tiger basketball program, while others try to figure out who will fill the other openings being advertised in the paper. I guess if the people in charge wanted us to know, they would tell us.

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Elba girls "16 and Under" All-Stars win district softball championship

The Elba "16 and Under" Softball All-Stars competed in the A.R.P.A. District 7 Softball Tournament last weekend in Geneva and claimed two straight wins to claim the District championship in the three-team, round-robin event.

Following are tournament highlights:
ELBA 13
GREENVILLE 2

Elba "10 and Under" All-Stars qualify for state with 4th place tourney finish

The Elba "10 and Under" Softball All-Stars competed in the A.R.P.A. District 7 Softball Tournament last weekend in Geneva and claimed two wins in four games to place fourth in the eight-team event.

Following are highlights of the tournament action:
GENEVA 7
ELBA 6
 The All-Stars opened the tournament on Friday night with a disappointing 7-6 loss to Geneva. Elba jumped out to an early 3-0 lead on a key two-out single by Alyssa Walden, then rallied in the third inning and regained the lead at 5-3 behind the hitting of Melanie Mularz and Krystan Parker. Brandy Caldwell scored in the fourth inning to give the All-Stars their final lead at 6-5, and Elba had the tying run throw out at the plate with two outs in the final inning as Geneva held on and escaped with the 7-6 win. Melanie Mularz, Hannah Manning, Brandy Caldwell and Alyssa Walden all got 2 hits for Elba.

ELBA 17
DOTHAN SOUTH 1
 The All-Stars scored runs in every inning to bury Dothan Southern 17-1. Melanie Mularz, Krystan Parker and Hannah Manning all got hits and all scored in the top of the first to give the All-Stars a quick 3-0 lead, while the same trio came through rbi hits in the second inning as Elba's lead grew to 7-0. A two-run homer by Krystan Parker and a three-run triple by Heather Reeves sparked late Elba outbursts, as the All-Stars posted the 17-1 win in five innings. Melanie Mularz and Krystan Parker both got 4 hits and scored 4 runs to lead Elba in the win, while Hannah Manning added 3 hits and Heather Reeves, Megan Anderson and Ashley Carpenter all added 2 hits.

ELBA 13
DOTHAN N.E. 5
 The All-Stars pulled out to an early lead and never looked back to surprise the Dothan National Red 13-5. Brandy Caldwell had a key first inning single to help Elba jump out to a 3-0 lead, but Dothan rallied and pulled even at 3-3 in the second. Back-to-back doubles by Melanie Mularz and Krystan Parker sparked a five-run third inning as Elba regained the lead at 8-3, and Mularz added a three-run homer in the fourth as the All-Stars pulled away for the big win. Krystan Parker and Hannah Manning both got 3 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Melanie Mularz, Brandy Caldwell and Ashley Carpenter all added 2 hits.

ANDY 11
ELBA 2
 The All-Stars found the going a bit too tough in their third straight game of the day as Andalusia eliminated Elba 11-2. Elba pulled ahead 1-0 early when Melanie Mularz opened the game with a single and later came around to score, then pulled within 5-2 in the third on an rbi single by Mularz that knocked in Brittany Caldwell. The heat of the day, and the talented Andalusia team proved too much, however, as Elba took the loss 11-2. Melanie Mularz got 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate.

"Volleyball Camp 2000" to be held at Kinston High School on July 24-28

Kinston High School will host its "Volleyball Camp 2000" on July 24-28 at the Kinston High School gym. Campers in grades 5-8 will attend the clinic daily from 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon, while campers in grades 9-12 will attend from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Clinicians will be Kinston Lady Bulldog coaches Amelia Rhoades and Janie Wiggins, and the cost of the camp is \$50 per camper. Skills and techniques taught will include serving, hitting, setting, blocking, passing, offense and defense. For more information contact camp director Amelia Rhoades at 565-3111, ext. 26, or 565-3240.

Football cheerleader registration in Elba will continue through June 30

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that registration for cheerleaders for the Tri-County Youth Football League began on Monday, June 12, and will continue through Friday, June 30. Cheerleader registration will be held at this time to help parents and sponsors order cheerleader uniforms and equipment for the squads, and to insure the squads are prepared at the first game of the season. The season will begin in early August, and it is very important that everyone register now!

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The All-Stars jumped out to an early 3-0 lead and coasted in with a 13-2 win over Greenville. Elba opened the game with a bang as Melissa Mularz and Karla Huguley ripped back-to-back doubles, followed by a triple off the bat of Rachel Bludworth. A two-run double by Huguley sparked a four-run outburst in the second inning to help Elba up its lead to 7-1, and the All-Stars slowly pulled away to post the 13-2 win in five innings. Melissa Mularz, Karla Huguley, Michelle Lewis, Melanie McGlothlen and Kerri Griffin all got 3 hits to lead Elba, while Rachel Bludworth added 2 hits.

ELBA 11
ANDY 5
 The All-Stars pulled out to an early 6-0 lead and turned back a late

Elba "12 and Under" All-Stars grab one win at district softball tournament

The Elba "12 and Under" Softball All-Stars competed in the A.R.P.A. District 7 Softball Tournament last weekend in Elba and claimed one win in three games to finish in the sixth place tie, in the eight-team event.

Following are tournament highlights:
ELBA 26
N.B. 1

The All-Stars opened play on Friday night and posted a big 26-1 win over New Brockton. Kerri Hobbs and Tessa Lee had key hits in the opening inning to spark Elba to a quick 6-0 lead, while the All-Stars' lead grew to 9-0 in the second on the strength of a Kerri Hobbs home-run. Whitney Lawford, Elena McCormick and Michelle Stinson had big hits in the third inning as Elba plated 17 runs to blow the game open and take the 26-1 win. Whitney Lawford, Kerri Hobbs and Becky Stinson all got 2 hits to lead Elba.

ANDY 19
ELBA 8
 The All-Stars saw their run through the tourney come to an end when they were defeated by Andalusia 19-8. Elba fell behind 5-0 early and trailed 11-1 heading into the bottom of the second, but rallied and cut the lead to 11-4 behind the hitting of Tessa Lee and Mallory Allen. Andalusia answered with a six-run third inning to move ahead 17-4, and held on for the win. Mallory Allen and Tessa Lee both got 2 hits to lead Elba.

Elba "14 and Under" All-Stars claim one win at tournament in Andalusia

The Elba "14 and Under" Softball All-Stars competed in the A.R.P.A. District 7 Softball Tournament last weekend in Andalusia and claimed one win in three games to place fourth in the six-team event.

Following are highlights of the tournament games:
KINSTON 13
ELBA 3
 The All-Stars opened the tournament against Kinston and suffered a 13-3 defeat. Elba jumped out to an early 2-0 lead as Samantha Williams ripped a one-out triple, but scored only once more and saw Kinston rally to claim the win. Haleigh Duncan got 2 hits to lead the All-Stars at the plate.

ELBA 11
GREENVILLE 10
 The All-Stars jumped out to a 7-0 second inning lead and held on late to post an exciting 11-10 win over Greenville. A three-run homer by Devri Kilcrease and a two-run

homer by Samantha Williams sparked Elba to a 6-0 lead in the opening inning, while a solo home-run by De'ann Smith made it 7-0 in the second. Greenville rallied to pull even at 7-7 in the fourth, but Elba answered with four runs in the bottom of the frame to regain the lead, and held on for the win. Brittany Daniels, Jessica Danford, Samantha Williams, Ashley Gilson and De'ann Smith all got 2 hits for the All-Stars.

ANDY 14
ELBA 5
 The All-Stars saw their tournament run end with a 14-5 loss to Andalusia. Elba fell behind 8-0 in the top of the third inning, but rallied behind the hitting of Jessica Danford to pull within 8-3 in the bottom of the frame. The All-Stars added two runs in their last at-bat, but it was too little, too late, as Elba dropped the 14-5 decision. Jessica Danford and Devri Kilcrease both got 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate.

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Dixie Minor sub-district baseball tournament to begin Saturday, July 1, at Elba's Legion Field

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will host the 2000 Sub-District 3 Dixie Minor Baseball Tournament on July 1-8, at the America Legion Park, in Elba.

A total of six teams from across the area will compete in the double-elimination event for the right to advance on to the District Tournament.

The tournament will continue

played on each night except Sunday, July 2, and Tuesday, July 4.

Members of the Elba Nationals include Josh Roberts, Lee Hill Shirley, Jarrison Harris, Ben Johnson, Kyle Purvis, Nathan Foster, Justin Griswold, Hayden Smith, Ryan Roehrer, Daniel Kelley, Terry Knight and Chris Thames. The coaches are Freddie McBride and Merrill Shirley.

Members of the Elba Americans include Bradley Wilson, Don Rhoades, Corey Parker, Cody Arnold, Gavin Flowers, Matthew Brunson, Martin McCormick, John Jared, Richard Cords, Trey Martin, Gage Nalley, Jordan McBride and Dimetrio Tyson. The coaches are Keith Parker, Doug Martin and Keith Rodgers.

Admission to the tournament will be \$3 adults, \$2 students and children under six free.

Following is the tournament schedule:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5
 6:00 - (Game 4) Loser game 1 vs. Loser game 2
 8:00 - (Game 5) Winner game 1 vs. Winner game 2

THURSDAY, JULY 6
 6:00 - (Game 6) Winner game 4 vs. Loser game 3
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FRIDAY, JULY 7
 7:00 - (Game 10) Winner game 9 vs. Winner game 8

SATURDAY, JULY 8
 4:00 - (Game 11) Enterprise Nation-

als vs. Enterprise Americans

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MONDAY, JULY 3
 6:00 - (Game 4) Loser game 1 vs. Loser game 2
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TUESDAY, JULY 4
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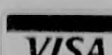
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Community News

Korean War veterans invited to June 29th ceremony

Governor Don Siegelman is joined by Lt. Governor Steve Windom, Speaker Seth Hammett and Speaker Pro Tem Demetrius Newton of the Alabama House of Representatives, in inviting Alabama's veterans and their family members to attend a Joint Ceremonial Session of the Legislature starting at 11 a.m. on June 29 at the Old House Chamber in the State Capitol Building.

The State of Alabama will pay special tribute to her Korean War

veterans and honor all veterans and their families with this ceremony to mark the 50th anniversary of that war's beginning.

Alabama will present an additional accolade to her Korean veterans with the stamping of a special commemorative coin authorized by the Legislature. Each attending veteran, or a surviving member of the veteran's family who is present, will receive this memento, which is decorated with a logo memorializing the 50th anniversary of the

Korean War on one side and depicting the Alabama State Capitol on the reverse side.

Siegelman urged veterans and their families to make plans to participate in the ceremony. "We owe a debt of gratitude to the veterans, their families, and the families of those who are still missing or paid the ultimate sacrifice. I plan to join other state officials and fellow Alabamians on that day to again say a very public and sincere 'Thank you.'"

Forestry Commission, Fire Marshal urge caution with fireworks

As dry weather conditions continue to plague the state, the Alabama Forestry Commission and the State Fire Marshal are urging citizens to take extra precautions during their Fourth of July celebrations. It may only take a spark to ignite the dry leaves, twigs and pine straw on the forest floor. "We have a potential for increased forest fires during the holiday because of the drought we've been in," said State Forester Timothy C. Boyce. "The recent rainfalls weren't enough to bring us out of the drought situation."

State Fire Marshal John S. Robi-

son agrees. "Just a little extra caution could prevent a catastrophe," he said. "Many areas, especially in south Alabama, are still extremely vulnerable to wildfires. We want people to enjoy a safe Fourth of July holiday."

Residents can take several precautions to prevent starting a wildfire from fireworks:

- Shoot fireworks in a cleared area where there is little grass or weeds, preferably on bare dirt or over water.
- Have a water hose available to wet down areas. Douse used fireworks in a bucket of water.
- If you're away from a water source, have a shovel or rake available to smother a fire with dirt.
- If smoking fireworks debris is

discovered, soak it in water or bury it in dirt.

Be aware of your surroundings and watch for fireworks are landing. You have less control over fireworks such as rockets than over those that don't travel away from the immediate area.

Stay in the area an extra half hour to make sure no fires were ignited. If a fire that's beyond your control does get started, call 911 and report it immediately.

"These are just common sense things we're asking people to do," Boyce said. "It's their life and property that we want to protect."

Coffee County's Junior Miss Program slated for July 15 in Enterprise

Preparations are already beginning for the 2001 Coffee County Junior Miss Program. Beginning at 7 p.m. on July 15, eight of the areas most outstanding high school senior girls will compete in the audition at Enterprise High School for the title of Coffee County's Junior Miss. In addition to the title, they will be vying for scholarships and awards. The program is dedicated to recognizing, encouraging and rewarding excellence in Coffee County's most outstanding young women. The Junior Miss Program

is all about "Being Your Best Self" and encourages girls in the areas of scholastic achievement, physical fitness, communication with others and presentation of individual talent. The Program also allows one individual to represent our county on the state level.

The theme for this year's program is Junior Miss Roundup featuring Coffee County and Alabama's Junior Misses, Katie Boyd. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$8 for reserved seats. For more information, call 393-0550.

Vietnam Vets to meet July 6

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Chapter 373 will hold its regular monthly meeting on July 6. The meeting will be held at the Clayhatchee Community House, which is located on Highway 92 close to Providence Baptist Church. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. sharp. Veterans and their families are welcome to attend. Open to the public.

Gideon receives Troy State scholarship

Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., Chancellor of the Troy State University System, announced recently that Linda G. Gideon of Elba is the recipient of a Troy State University scholarship. Gideon will become a Trojan in the fall of 2000.

Gideon is a 2000 graduate of

Elba High School. She is the daughter of Troy and Roberta Gideon of Elba.



Linda Gideon

Jerkins family reunion to be held July 9 in Brewton

All Jerkins Family Members are invited to the Jerkins Family Reunion at the East Brewton Community/Civic Center in Brewton, Ala. on July 9. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish or dessert and come meet lots of relatives. Bring family pictures to share, socialize and learn a lot of Jerkins Family history. For more information, contact Doris Hastings at (334) 947-5499, Vonelle Harris at (334) 964-5999, Jim Jerkins at (334) 456-1405 or Jack Butler at (850) 421-7756.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

NEW BROCKTON WATER & SEWER BOARD

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Ken Fox, Superintendent, 894-5550. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall of Town of New Brockton.

New Brockton Water and Sewer Board routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 1999. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

PLAIN LANGUAGE DEFINITIONS

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Not Required (NR) - Laboratory analyses not required due to waiver granted by the Environmental Protection Agency for the State of Alabama.

Parts per million (ppm) or Micrograms per liter (µg/L) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Picograms per liter (pg/L) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

Parts per quadrillion (pq) or Picograms per liter (pg/L) - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Milligrams per liter (mg/L) - measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Variances & Exemptions (VAE) - State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions. Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) - (mandatory language) A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level - (mandatory language) The Maximum Allowed (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as is feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - (mandatory language) The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

TEST RESULTS

Contaminant Violation Y/N Level Detected Unit Measurement MCLG MCL Likely Source of Contamination

Microbiological Contaminants

1. Total Coliform Bacteria YES NA 100 ml 0 presence of coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples "Naturally present in the environment"

2. Fecal coliform and E. coli positive NO ND 0 a routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive and one

3. Turbidity NO ND n/a TT Soil runoff

Radioactive Contaminants

4. Radon emitters NO ND mem/yr 0 4 Decay of natural and man-made deposits

5. Alpha emitters NO ND pCi/L 15 Erosion of natural deposits

6. Combined radium NO ND pCi/L 5 Erosion of natural deposits

Organic Contaminants

7. Arsenic NO ND ppb 6 6 Discharge from petroleum refineries, fire retardants, ceramics, electronics, solder

8. Benzene NO ND ppb 1 1 Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes

9. Asbestos NO Not Required MFL 7 7 Decay of asbestos cement water mains; erosion of natural deposits

10. Barium NO ND ppm 2 2 Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits

11. Beryllium NO ND ppb 4 4 Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning facilities; discharge from electrical appliance and defense industries

12. Cadmium NO ND ppb 5 5 Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints

13. Chromium NO ND ppm 100 100 Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits

14. Copper NO ND ppm 1.3 AL+1.3 Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

15. Cyanide NO ND ppm 200 200 Discharge from steel metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories

16. Fluoride NO ND ppm 4 4 Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

17. Lead NO ND ppb 0 2 Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

18. Mercury (inorganic) NO ND ppb 2 2 Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills

19. Nitrate (as Nitrogen) NO ND ppm 10 10 Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits

20. Nitrite (as Nitrogen) NO ND ppm 1 1 Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits

21. Selenium NO ND ppb 50 50 Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines

22. Thallium NO ND ppb 0.5 2 Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories

23. Total Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides NO ND 70 Runoff from herbicide used on row crops

24. 2,4-D NO ND ppb 50 50 Residue of banned herbicide

25. Atrazine NO ND ppb 3 3 Runoff from herbicide used on row crops

26. Benzothiazole NO ND ppb 0 2 Runoff from herbicide used on row crops

27. Carbendazim NO ND ppb 0 200 Leaching from storage of water storage tanks and distribution lines

28. Benzothiazole (PAH) NO ND nanograms/l 0 2 Leaching of soil fungicide used on rice and alfalfa

29. Chlordane NO ND ppb 0 2 Residue of banned herbicide

30. Dieldrin NO ND ppb 0 400 Discharge from chemical factories

31. DDE (Dichlorodiphenyl ethane) NO ND ppb 200 200 Discharge from rubber and chemical factories

32. DDT (Dichlorodiphenyl ethane) NO ND ppb 200 200 Runoff from herbicide used on soybeans and cotton; pineapples, and orchards

33. Dioxin NO ND ppb 7 7 Runoff from herbicide used on soybeans and vegetables

34. Dioxin (2,3,7,8-TCDD) NO ND Not Required (program) Runoff from herbicide used

35. Endrin NO ND ppb 100 100 Runoff from herbicide used

36. Endrin (as Endrin) NO ND ppb 2 2 Residue of banned insecticide

37. Endrin (as Endrin) NO ND ppb 2 2 Discharge from industrial chemical factories; an impurity of some water treatment chemicals

38. Endrin (as Endrin) NO ND ppb 2 2 Discharge from industrial chemical factories; an impurity of some water treatment chemicals

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41. Ethylene dibromide NO ND nanograms/l 0 50 Discharge from petroleum refineries

42. Glyphosate NO ND ppb 700 700 Runoff from herbicide used

43. Heptachlor epoxide NO ND nanograms/l 0 400 Residue of banned herbicide

44. Heptachlor epoxide NO ND nanograms/l 0 250 Breakdown of heptachlor

45. Heptachlor epoxide NO ND ppb 0 50 Discharge from metal refineries and agricultural chemical factories

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47. Lindane NO ND nanograms/l 200 200 Runoff from herbicide used on row crops

48. Menthyl NO ND ppb 40 40 Runoff from herbicide used on row crops

49. Oxydemeton-methyl NO ND ppb 200 200 Runoff from herbicide used on row crops

50. PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls) NO ND nanograms/l 0 200 Runoff from herbicide used on row crops

51. Permethrin NO ND ppb 500 500 Runoff from herbicide used on row crops

52. Picloram NO ND ppb 500 500 Herbicide runoff

53. Simazine NO ND ppb 4 4 Runoff from herbicide used on cotton and cattle

54. Toxaphene NO ND ppb 0 3 Runoff from herbicide used on cotton and cattle

55. Benzene NO ND ppb 0 5 Discharge from factories; leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills

56. Carbon tetrachloride NO ND ppb 100 100 Discharge from chemical and other industrial activities

57. Chlorobenzene NO ND ppb 100 100 Discharge from chemical and other industrial activities

58. Chlorobenzene NO ND ppb 100 100 Discharge from chemical and other industrial activities

59. p-Chlorophenol NO ND ppb 600 600 Discharge from industrial chemical factories

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61. 1,2-Dichloroethane NO ND ppb 0 5 Discharge from industrial chemical factories

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67. Styrene NO ND ppb 100 100 Discharge from industrial chemical factories

68. Ethylbenzene NO ND ppb 0 5 Discharge from industrial chemical factories

69. 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene NO ND ppb 0 5 Discharge from industrial chemical factories

70. 1,1,1-Trichloroethane NO ND ppb 200 200 Discharge from metal degrading sites and other factories

71. 1,1,2-Trichloroethane NO ND ppb 3 3 Discharge from industrial chemical factories

72. Trichloroethylene NO ND ppb 0 5 Discharge from industrial chemical factories

73. TTHM (Total trihalomethanes) NO ND ppb 0 100 By-product of drinking water chlorination

74. Toluene NO ND ppb 1 1 Discharge from petroleum factories

75. Vinyl Chloride NO ND ppb 0 2 Leaching from PVC piping; discharge from plastic factories

76. Xylenes NO ND ppb 10 2 Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories

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